

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS'  
**MILLENNIAL STAR**

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**The Susquehanna River**

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*The air was throbbing with melody,  
Glory shadowed the river and plain  
As the Priesthood of the Son of God  
Was restored to the earth again.*

JAMES LLOYD WOODRUFF

## THE WILL OF THE LORD

By ELDER MELVIN J. BALLARD

OF THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE APOSTLES

ON one occasion the Master, speaking as recorded in Matthew 7: 21, said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

I regard it as the responsibility of every man and woman who has the holy privilege of dwelling upon this earth, provided by someone who gives us our life, our being and existence in this world, to learn the purposes of the Almighty in placing us here, to learn the will of God, and to do it. No one will dispute the right of the Creator to determine the terms under which men

have their right of living in this world and also in a world that is to come. Under the law we grant to any person who holds property the right to set up in a will the terms under which children or heirs may inherit. No matter how much we may disagree with the conditions we cannot inherit unless we subscribe to the terms of the will. So, no matter how much we ourselves may disagree with the will of the Almighty, He has the right to set up the terms, and He that attempts in any other way to inherit shall be regarded as a thief and a robber.

The difficulty is that men do not understand the will. It is confused by the multitudes who seek to interpret it, one saying, lo, this is the way, and another some other way; and so hundreds of institutions claiming to represent the Lord and interpret His will confuse the minds of men. I regard every word that Jesus Christ gave men as essential for their proper understanding of the will and purposes of the Lord. I believe that Jesus

Christ preached at least a thousand sermons. He was constantly at work and that would have been no more than an average of a sermon a day. I cannot think of a single utterance that fell from His lips that is not important to the understanding of men in this day, as well as in the day when it was given. Unfortunately we do not have all these precious words. They were not recorded until years after they were uttered. These gospels were compiled many years afterward, and only out of the dim memory of 30 or 40, and in some instances 60 years, was the story that Christ gave men recorded. If we eliminate the duplication of that story, all that Jesus gave us, so far as it is

### Melvin J. Ballard

ELDER MELVIN J. BALLARD, author of this clear and convincing article, was born of British parentage. His father, Henry Ballard (who served as Logan, Utah Second ward bishop for nearly 40 years) emigrated to Utah from London, and his mother, Margaret McNeil Ballard, left Scotland when ten years of age, walking the entire distance across the Plains.

Born in Logan, February 9, 1873, Apostle Ballard has fulfilled four missions. He opened South America to missionary work in 1925. He is one of the most powerful speakers in the Church.

recorded, could be confined to 17 pages of the New Testament. This could be read in an hour and 15 minutes.

It was the design and the purpose of the Almighty to leave someone on the earth to interpret His will and to execute it. If you discover that the will of your father or your grandfather names you as an heir, you must secure your interest and enter into it in the proper way. You cannot subscribe to the terms of the will in the presence of your friends and then possess the property. You must go before a competent judge, one with the authority to represent the dead owner or maker of the will, and in his presence conform to the terms of the will, and he gives you the right and title in behalf of the original owner who has passed away.

Just as this is true in the affairs of men it is also true in the things of God. There must be someone who can properly interpret and legally execute the will of God. It was clear in the minds of the Apostles that they were vested with the right and authority to represent the Master. And these 12 men whom He called and selected also had authority to execute His will. For this reason Paul said in Ephesians 4 : 11-13:

And he gave some, apostles, and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith.

Here was authority appointed to interpret the will, so that one should not say "I am of Paul," and another "I am of Apollos." Christ Himself said once to those who followed Him that if they were not one they were not His; and He earnestly prayed that they might be one.

But we know that these apostles were taken by death, and we also know that they left no successors.

**I PROPOSE** to show that the authority vested in the Twelve, with three of them at their head—Peter, James and John—was not bestowed upon successors. First of all, if Peter did go to Rome and establish a branch of the Church and appointed the first Bishop as his (Peter's) successor in the apostleship he would have told his associates of the Twelve about it. There is no record that he made any such reference. He did come back and tell them those very remarkable circumstances under which the Gospel went to the Gentiles and every other circumstance of importance, but of this more important matter—far more important for his associates in the Twelve to know about, that he had appointed a successor to himself to whom they must look—he made no such explanation and reference. So I reach the conclusion that the Twelve did not know or recognize these Bishops of Rome as Peter's successors. Neither did the people of the Church, because following the death of Peter the Church looked to the surviving apostles, and the last of these was John the Beloved, and though he was banished on the Isle of Patmos they still looked to him. They sought him and rescued him and brought him back, and he went from church to church and they heard his word as the very word of God.

The Lord Himself did not recognize these Bishops of Rome as

Peter's successors, but He did recognize His surviving Apostle John, who, as one of the Presidency, held the keys of the kingdom with his associates Peter and James; for upon the Isle of Patmos the revelations of the Lord were given to this apostle setting forth the will of God to the churches of Asia, and showing what should come to pass in the last days.

Do not understand that I do not regard these Bishops of Rome as good men in the Church of Christ. The first Bishop of Rome,

### The Susquehanna

It was on the Susquehanna river (see cover) between Harmony, Pennsylvania and Colesville, New York that Peter, James and John conferred the Melchizedek Priesthood upon Joseph Smith and Oliver Cowdery and by virtue of that ordination they became apostles. The visitation took place shortly after John the Baptist had restored the Aaronic Priesthood in the spring of 1829.

One hundred years ago (February 14, 1835) the first council of twelve apostles in this dispensation was chosen. Members of that council were Lyman E. Johnson, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, David W. Patten, Luke S. Johnson, William E. McClellin, John F. Boynton, Orson Pratt, William Smith, Thomas B. Marsh and Parley P. Pratt.

a local officer, was Saint Linus, who presided from the year 67 to the year 79 after Christ. He was succeeded by Saint Cletus. He presided from 79 to 91 over that local branch of the Church. He was succeeded by Saint Clement, the first, who presided from the year 91 to the year 100 after Christ. They were faithful, good men in the Church of Christ, local officers but not Peter's successors or presiding officers over the Church. And this John outlived all three of these Bishops of Rome and was still upon the earth when they were dead and gone. The Church and God recognized him as the leader, the last of all the apostles, and no one sets up a claim, so far as I know, of authority coming to them from this John. It is necessary to dispose of him in order to bring these Bishops into a place of presiding authority.

Therefore it was essential, since those who had the authority to interpret the will of God and to execute it had passed away, to reestablish it upon the earth. It has been the proclamation of this Church now for more than one hundred years that the holy apostleship that was once given by the Master to the disciples of old has been restored. We proclaim that in this generation Peter, James and John did come to the earth and lay their hands upon the heads of Joseph Smith

and Oliver Cowdery, and bestowed upon them the holy apostleship with all of its rights and authority; and that every man who has been ordained an apostle in this Church, each and all of them, has received his authority in an unbroken chain back to those who held the keys from the Master Himself; and further that one hundred years ago the Council of Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ was once again established in the earth. From that day until this they have been officiating with the right and the authority to interpret the will of God. The Book of Mormon and the Doctrine and Covenants contain those precious things which Jesus once gave to men that were not

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## SERMONS IN SONG

By Elder E. Jay Milne

“. . . My soul delighteth in the song of the heart; yea, the song of the righteous is a prayer unto me, and it shall be answered with a blessing upon their heads. Wherefore, lift up thy heart and rejoice. . . .”  
(Doctrine and Covenants 25: 12-13.)

**T**HUS spake the Lord unto the Prophet Joseph Smith. And September 14, 1835—a century ago this week—the Prophet instructed his wife, Emma Hale Smith, to make a selection of sacred hymns, for the Lord had said of music that it “is pleasing unto me” and was “to be had in my church.”

Since those early days the Church has been noted for its hymns. The voices of the saints as they have sung the soul-stirring hymns that have comforted them in their countless trials bear tribute to the fact that this commandment has been carefully observed.

As song was imbedded in the restored Church in its beginning in America, so was it established with the bringing to Britain of the Gospel by the early missionaries. In April, 1840 a Mission conference was held in Preston. Eight members of the Council of Twelve Apostles were in England at the time and met at this gathering. A committee of three, Brigham Young, Parley P. Pratt and John Taylor, were appointed to make a selection of hymns for the use of the saints in Britain. Coincidental with this decision was another providing for the publication of a monthly periodical to be known as the *Millennial Star*, with Parley P. Pratt as editor. Thus at this conference provision was made for two of man's most vital æsthetic needs—music and literature. Besides the cultural benefits that have accrued from the decisions at that historical gathering, two powerful agencies for preaching the Gospel were established. As years have gone by they have played an increasingly important part in the proselyting of the Church.

New times produce new needs and newer methods are required to fill present requirements. More often than not the new method used is but an old idea in different dress, or a present principle for an old established rule.

The pioneer saints plodding over the plains sang and danced around the campfires when the evening shadows fell. When they had made permanent homes in the Salt Lake valley and the Tabernacle was finished the now famous Tabernacle choir was organized. With the advent of the wireless the music of the organ and the voices of the Choir are carried into the homes of listening millions. (*Star*, July 11).

In the British Isles new plans are being developed to emulate the power for good that the Choir exerts in America. Beginning with the Kidderminster conference last June, a Mission M Men quartette was formed under the direction of President Joseph J. Cannon. With Elder Bertram T. Willis as chorister, the group is composed of Elders Gilbert R. Langton, bass; Elvon G. Jackson, baritone; Alma M. Porter, second tenor; and James S. Astin, first tenor.

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## AUXILIARY GUIDE FOR OCTOBER

### GENEALOGICAL DEPARTMENT

*Second Week in October.* Lesson 19. The Sealing Sheet—Wives to Husbands. Laboratory: Use the sealing sheet in the manual, or provide each class member with one; fill in correctly the entries for William Henry Gifford Buck, Sarah Miller, and Elizabeth Buck from the "Buck" One Family Group Records of either Lesson 10 or the Appendix.

*Fourth Week in October.* Lesson 20. No text. Laboratory: Bring One Family Group Records of your own lines and scratch paper; use the scratch paper for finding the facts about Kenneth Sadler, Susan Wells and William Jarvis. Both men married the one woman at different times. Align the family groups and then write a letter after the pattern of the one on page 25 of the manual.—CONWAY A. ASHTON.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### SACRAMENT GEM FOR OCTOBER

IN remembrance of Thy suffering,  
Lord, these emblems we partake,  
When Thyself Thou gav'st an offering—  
Dying for the sinner's sake.

#### GOSPEL DOCTRINE DEPARTMENT—LESSON OBJECTIVES

*October 6.* To show that prayer was the source of the Master's inspiration, and that all who come to Him must pray acceptably. Use the 15 questions suggested by *The Instructor*.

*October 13.* To show why some prayers are not answered, and the spirit in which we should pray.

*October 20.* To show that life must be lived to the end; and that the glory of the Master was His ability to say "It is finished." Teachers should use the topical method of presenting the lesson. See *The Instructor*.

*October 27.* To show that the Master preached the Gospel in the spirit world, and that all who have, and who shall live upon the earth, shall have the opportunity of accepting it.

#### GOSPEL MESSAGES DEPARTMENT—LESSON OBJECTIVES

*October 6.* To show how leaders arose in various stages of society, with special reference to present-day leadership in the usual social relationships. *The Instructor* gives topics for five pupils to report on. Chapter II of the *Leadership of Joseph Smith* provides good supplementary material.

*October 13.* To show that "a man must be called of God" if he is to minister in the things of God. Three topics are available for pupil assignments from *The Instructor*.

*October 20.* To make clear the idea of struggle in mortal life. Assign the three short talks suggested.

*October 27.* To show that co-operative effort among men is more productive of happiness and prosperity than competitive effort on their part. Use *The Instructor*.

#### NEW TESTAMENT DEPARTMENT—LESSON OBJECTIVES

*October 6.* To teach that the knowledge that one is right sustains and upholds one under the most trying circumstances. Use the questions and assignments suggested by *The Instructor*.

*October 13.* To teach that all who are called to labour in Christ's Church must comply with all of its ordinances.

*October 20.* To teach that in spite of opposition and even the death of its earthly leaders, the work of the Lord will triumph.

*October 27.* To teach that missionary work by those called by proper authority is necessary for the spread of the Gospel. Secure a map of the Holy Land and trace the travels of the missionaries.

#### CHURCH HISTORY DEPARTMENT—LESSON OBJECTIVES

*October 6.* To show that Joseph the Prophet possessed a marvellous power of seership beyond that enjoyed by the natural man. Application: Bring the students to understand that only upon the principle of righteousness can seership be exercised.

*October 13.* To show that Joseph Smith was truly a prophet, seer and revelator, giving to the people information that otherwise lay hid from man. Application: Let the children know that our Church is founded upon revelation; that God still concerns Himself over mankind.

*October 20.* To show why the saints today should accept Joseph Smith's teachings whole-heartedly. Application: Get pupils to name concrete ways in which they can improve by giving instances from the Prophet's life that made him revered.

*October 27.* To show that Brigham Young, the second president of the Church, was truly a prophet, called to succeed Joseph Smith. Application: Name ways in which we can also be of service to the Church.

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT—LESSON OBJECTIVES

*October 6.* Real kindness brings happiness and peace to others. Application: What friendly things can one do each day? Directed Activities: Dramatize the story of Ruth.

*October 13.* The Lord often uses humble people to do great things in life. Follow the application given in *The Instructor*. There is a splendid Directed Activity for this period.

*October 20.* Faith in God helps us to overcome great obstacles. See the Directed Activity in *The Instructor*.

*October 27.* "Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Application: Let us keep our promises.

#### KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT—CHILDREN'S PERIOD

*October 6.* Children's Period. Review September objectives. Bring pictures of children in various life situations. Have a child or the group together tell the story of each picture in turn. Apply the objectives as the stories are told. Use a rest exercise.

**SUPERINTENDENTS!** Remember your attendance campaign runs until October 20.—THE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

### PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

In a letter recently received from Sister May Anderson, general superintendent of the Primary Association, a word of recognition was given for the reports sent into her office. She said, "We appreciate the care with which the reports are prepared which are sent to us from the British mission." We send that on to you because your reports make that comment possible.

Each class should have a class roll card from which totals for enrolment attendance and visitors are easily taken for the monthly report the 21st of each month. Prepare one copy of the report for the branch presidency and two for the district Primary supervisor. Make every effort to send the report on time.

It is necessary that the records of the British mission Primaries give a true picture of present conditions and, we hope, of steady growth. Each organization has a share of that responsibility. In that we wish you success.—BRITISH MISSION PRIMARY BOARD, ELIZABETH CORNWALL, SUPERVISOR.

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EDITORIAL

OUR GREATEST NEED

SUPPOSE a stranger were to ask you to tell him what is your greatest need, what would your answer be? May we not assume with considerable assurance that the questioner would get about as many different answers as there were people questioned? But if you knew the questioner and his point of view and his purpose your answer would probably be influenced by this knowledge; but even then there would likely be a wide difference in the answers received, if a large number of people were questioned. In fact, there is no doubt of this. Is this not an evidence that people do not possess and prize the world's greatest need—faith in God? How many of us really possess this greatest need? Very few, undoubtedly.

What are the conditions necessary for genuine faith? There are several, among them being a correct idea of the nature and personality of God and a sincere desire to approach Him worthily, that is, in purity and cleanliness of heart and mind.

If the world had a genuine faith in the true and living God it could be said with much truth that heaven is here on earth. The troubles of this sorely distressed world would disappear. Peace, plenty and security—the desire of all men—would be the possession of every people in every land. This implies of course that genuine faith cannot fully exist apart from saintly conduct. This fact should be in the consciousness of every professing Christian, particularly in the consciousness of every Latter-day Saint.

In the sense herein used faith is very much more than mere shadowy belief. It is that attitude of mind and heart that has broken down the barriers between God and His faithful children, enabling them to approach Him acceptably and with no reservations. In this sense faith is rare. Were it not so the fruits of faith would be more abundant—more love, more good-will, more tolerance and charity, more good works, more manifestations of the Spirit, more righteousness; thus more real saints.

This sick world is perishing from a lack of faith. These are critical times. Statesmen and rulers are in uneasy seats. Wars threaten, sorrows and troubles and uncertainties multiply, misery and distress stalk abroad and all the world is gripped with fear. Why? Because the world has forgotten God and Satan is dominant in the affairs of men; hence evil passions—wickedness—rule. There could be no more wars, either between nations or



within nations, if Satan were not ruling. Any nation or group of people that makes war is yielding to the devil, the enemy of all righteousness, the maker and lover of lies, the fiend that delights in the misery and suffering of human souls—God's children.

But these children are not blameless. With God's help they can resist the devil and overcome evil. If they choose not to do this they must suffer the consequences. They cannot shift the blame to other shoulders. The only thing that can save them is repentance—a turning away from evil deeds and evil influences. It certainly is too bad that they will not do this.

But those of us who have some measure of faith in the saving power of our Lord should exercise it in behalf of our rebellious brothers and sisters in the hope that they will see the error of their ways and turn therefrom. We cannot be blameless unless we do this. Hence let us pray without ceasing to our Father to soften the hearts of His wicked sons and daughters that their impending doom may be averted. They are in very deed our spirit brothers and sisters. It is our duty to love them. We are commanded to be helpful to them—to teach them a better way of life. And in this work of teaching would it not be well for us to remember that our labours will be effective in proportion to our faith—the more faith the more effective our labours?

We repeat, the greatest need of each one of us—in the Church or out of it, high or low in position, with many friends or few, rich or poor—is a strong active faith in Jesus Christ, our personal, living Redeemer. It is through Him, and Him alone, that we can be saved by professing His name and keeping His commandments. This statement may appear dogmatic, but it is God's truth. Let us be guided by it.—JOSEPH F. MERRILL.

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### GENUINE REVERENCE

**N**O man can be disrespectful of Deity and have in his heart the proper attitude toward the creations of Deity. A man who properly understands his relationship to God and the endowments which he has received from the Creator will be filled with reverence and thanksgiving. After all, reverence is an attitude which shows itself to differential behaviour.—ELDER STEPHEN L. RICHARDS.

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### DISTRICT CONFERENCE NOTICES

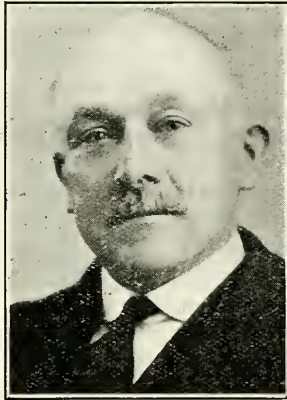
PRESIDENT JOSEPH J. CANNON will be the principal speaker at the Birmingham district conference in Kidderminster branch chapel, Saturday and Sunday, September 14-15. Sunday services will begin 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Welsh conference will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, in New Royal theater, Osborne road, Pontypool. Sunday meetings will begin at 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## LEADERS IN THE MISSION

### President Richard C. Thomas of Welsh District

By ELDER HENRY R. PEARSON

**V**ERDANT Wales, home of harmony and famed choirs, of coal mines and of colliers who toil and sing with equal enthusiasm, has produced many stalwart souls who have rallied to the standard of truth since first the cry to repentance came to its soil. Manifold are the changes that have come to this land in the past generations. An intense feeling of patriotism to things Welsh, born of descendancy from the first inhabitants of Britain's isles, the Celts, and of a distinct language, famed for its purity, has gradually been blended into staunch British citizenship. And now in South Wales the Welsh language has declined into almost complete disuse. Only the older generation is able to speak or understand it well.



PRESIDENT THOMAS

Were the late Evan Stephens, beloved composer of Latter-day Saint hymns and famed director of the Tabernacle choir (whose membership is largely Welsh by birth or ancestry), to return today to his native land, he would no doubt note an Anglicization.

Accompanying these changes has come the force of extreme economic stress, for the world depression has been felt with unusual severity in this little land. Employment has long been scarce. Great numbers have been compelled to rely upon the dole. Complex indeed are the problems that confront the young generation in their search for self-supported independence.

In the little village of Varteg in the Welsh hills lives a man who has found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ the stabilizing influence to be his comfort and guide in this changing sphere. With a faith that has grown constantly with activity and sacrifice through years, President Richard C. Thomas of Welsh district inspires his fellow brethren and sisters with a courage and a hope in the future. It is born of a testimony of the Gospel, with the accompanying assurance of God's goodness to those who live its precepts.

Brother Thomas was born in Sellock, Herefordshire in 1887. When he was 12 years of age he began to work as a page boy in Ross, and a year later drove a baker's cart. When he was 15 he went to Garndiffaith, Monmouthshire, a short distance from Varteg. There he obtained employment in a grocer's shop. But the long hours, often from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., determined him to enter the coal mines. For more than twenty years he worked under-

ground, seeing the changes from hand to machine labour and the evolution in working hours and working conditions.

While labouring in the grocer's shop he met Naomi Forward, and in August of 1909 they were married and moved to Severn View Place, Varteg. Her grandmother and uncle were Latter-day Saints, and the young couple frequently came in contact with the elders and the teachings of the Church at the home of these saints nearby. Elder Thomas L. Biggs, also a relative of Sister Thomas, interested his cousin in the Gospel message, and

took Richard, then but 21 years of age, with him to surrounding localities to hold cottage meetings. Often these journeys meant walks of 12 to 20 miles, but those distances did not dampen the ardour of the young men. In 1909 Brother Thomas's wife asked for his permission to apply for baptism, but he told her to wait to see what his own decision might be concerning the new message.

### Welsh District

AS EARLY as 1841 J. Burnham reported at Mission conference 170 members, two elders, five priests, three teachers and three deacons in Wales.

The Book of Mormon was published in Welsh language in Merthyr Tydfil in 1852.

The late Evan Stephens, Church song writer and former director of the world-famous tabernacle choir, was born in Pencader, Carmarthenshire, South Wales, June 28, 1854. He is author of 18 hymns appearing in *Latter-day Saint Hymns* and has composed music for 83 songs in the book.

Welsh district now includes branches in Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Pontlanfraith and Pontypool.—W. J. A.

Meanwhile Elder George F. Price, now a bishop of Phoenix, Arizona, came to Wales as a missionary, and a close friendship was formed between him and Richard Thomas. In 1910 Brother Thomas and his wife were baptized into the Church. Called upon to pronounce the benediction in the first meeting he attended after the baptismal, Brother Thomas was unable to respond. But he was ready to learn, and through activity, began to prepare himself for responsibility. That is the way in the Church—the student soon becomes the teacher, if he heeds the counsel proffered him. In 1911 Brother Thomas was set apart as president of Pontypool branch at Varteg, and held that position with distinction until his recent appointment as district president.

Brother Richard C. Thomas is an outstanding example of a man who has demonstrated his testimony. He learned early the value of living the Word of Wisdom, of paying his honest tithes and offerings, of the efficacy of prayer and of observing Fast Day. These fundamentals have always played a prominent part in his home. Always he is ready at the call of service, whether it means a fifty-mile ride by bicycle to fulfill an appointment on Sunday circuit, a walk of ten miles to hold a cottage meeting, or an assignment to arrange or advertise a public function in his branch. For 23 years, with not more than one or two exceptions each year, he has walked over the hills to a little canal-side cottage one Sunday each month to hold a testimony meeting in the humble home of Brother and Sister Charles Jones, both now past the four score mark. Faith has overcome the "bus-fare" problem.

President Thomas has stood with the missionaries in many an open-air meeting, facing aroused crowds who hurled missiles and slander at the expounders of truth.

Brother and Sister Thomas have had seven children, five of whom are living. The oldest, Gladys, is employed in the Primary Children's hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah; their two sons, Harold and Alvin, are members of Varteg branch presidency and officers in the Sunday School and Mutual Improvement Association; the two younger daughters are active in the Primary and Bee-Hive organizations. Sister Thomas has been the kind of wife and mother that makes men great; her encouragement and loyal assistance has made possible the service which Brother Thomas has rendered in the cause of truth.

And so, a staunch friend of the missionaries, trusted leader of the members of his branch, firm defender of the truth of the restored Gospel, President Richard C. Thomas proves by his actions his allegiance to the Church.

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recorded and have been given again. He has made clear His will by these revelations.

Those former apostles of Christ, most of them from the humble walks of life, were lifted up by the power of their holy calling to become giants in the earth and their words of wisdom are quoted and shall be until the ends of time.

So the men who have led this Church claiming the right of the apostleship have shown a wisdom and power beyond the ordinary man. There is no peace or safety for the Church except in following their leadership. God has vindicated them in the past, He is vindicating them today, and thus they are custodians of the sacred will of God and have the right and authority to speak in His name.—(Adapted from a sermon delivered at the 105th annual conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle.)

## SERMONS IN SONG

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Since its inception the quartette has been active. During the latter part of July and the entire month of August these elders were engaged with appointments nearly every evening. In that time they appeared in eight branch meetings or socials and 17 cottage meetings. They have also sung before several civic clubs and societies in the vicinity of Birmingham. The Regnall league in Kidderminster voted their singing "the best programme ever."

On most occasions the hymns are accompanied by Gospel talks by the elders. Many of the quartette's engagements have been arranged by Supervising Elder Stephen R. Murdock of Birmingham district and elders labouring with him.

It is planned to have the quartette furnish music at each district conference during the autumn series, and in addition fill special engagements at local clubs and gatherings.

The success of this group has led to the formation of a second quartette consisting of Elders Joseph Stout, first bass; Stanley Heal, baritone; Eugene T. Pingree, second tenor, and Douglas Anderson, first tenor. This quartette will augment the activities in this delightful manner of preaching the Gospel.

The formation of these quartettes has been purely a missionary activity. But the women of the Church in Britain have realized the proselyting power of music, and are forming new musical organizations. Sponsored by the Mission Relief Society board under Sister Ramona W. Cannon's leadership, groups of women known as "Singing Mothers" are being formed. To Hyde branch of Manchester district goes the honour of being the first group to organize such a choral society.

The *Northern Cheshire Herald and Reporter* published an article on a recent sacrament meeting conducted by the "Singing Mothers":

A service of song was well rendered in the Latter-day Saints' hall, Reynold street, Hyde, on Sunday evening by the Singing Mothers of the ladies organization, the Relief Society. The story of the life of the Prophet Joseph Smith, composed by Mrs. Edith Holt and read by Mrs. Florence Allsop, was presented.

The soloists were Mrs. Lillian Townsend, Miss Edna Andrews and Mrs. Allsop, the accompanist being Mr. T. H. Boothroyd. By special request, Mr. Woodruff sang the solo, "The Old Rugged Cross." A very interesting evening was enjoyed by a large congregation, and was so well rendered that the ladies were asked to repeat the service at the district meeting in Manchester on Saturday.

**I**N the sylvan setting of Regent's park in London, groups of British Mission office and London district elders conduct each Sunday three open-air services. With the sounding of the first notes of Latter-day Saint hymns, people stop—and listen. Soon others stop, and before long crowds are listening attentively to the words of the speaker. Solos, duets and quartettes are used for variation. The power for preaching the message of Mormonism with the aid of good music has been amply demonstrated in the course of these summer services. There are no hecklers. A spirit of peace prevails. New investigators are being won.

Music, then, does have a part to play. It will doubtless continue to be used throughout the British Isles as an instrument for proclaiming the Gospel. Many of the pioneers and writers of Latter-day Saint music come from this land. What saint is there that does not respond to "O, Say What Is Truth" by John Jacques; William Clayton's "Come, Come Ye Saints," that gentle sacrament hymn, "Come Follow Me" by John Nicholson; William Fowler's "We Thank Thee O God For a Prophet," and Charles W. Penrose's "O Ye Mountains High" and "School Thy Feelings." All those hymn writers were native Britons.

Other British-born song writers were Alexander Neibaur, a Hebrew convert; Henry W. Naisbitt, John Lyon and Sisters Emily H. Woodmansee and Hannah Cornaby. Then there is that great composer, Evan Stephens from Wales (see page 587).

With the expanding scope that music fills and its growth from an early beginning there is increasing evidence that good music is one of the Lord's choicest blessings.

## NEWS OF THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

**Star** player on New Zealand's championship rugby team now playing in Britain is a Latter-day Saint, Sanatorium Reid. Trevor Wignall of the *Daily Express* (September 3) describes him: "One of the outstanding personalities is likely to be the quaintly named Sanatorium Reid, a 15 stone Maori who has a decided taste for music. 'Tori' was educated at the Mormon Agricultural college, Hawkes Bay, and still embraces the faith of the Latter-day Saints." The *Daily Mirror* (September 3) wrote of him: "He's a Maori (the only one on the team) and a Mormon, and he neither smokes nor drinks—so training doesn't worry him as

much as most. Not counting his 1,000 sheep and his rugger, Sanatorium is proud of his great-great-great-great grandfather. . . . (I know because we counted the greats over together). He was an Englishman called Barnard Burns and he went out to New Zealand as a missionary. Then he was made white chief of a Maori tribe. And then, Sanatorium's father bought a sheep farm and sent Sanatorium to the Mormon Agricultural college. Somebody discovered he could play rugger and he's come to England . . . which, he said, he's always wanted to do because of his great-great-great-great grandfather."

### OF CURRENT INTEREST

**Speed**—Racing for the first time on Utah's salt beds, Sir Malcolm Campbell realized his ambition of bettering 300 miles per hour in land speed by averaging 301.337 miles per hour, September 4. In a transatlantic telephone message, Sir Malcolm told the *Daily Telegraph* of the kindness of the Utah people. He said: "I am out in the desert miles from anywhere. Yet the homely, hospitable people of Utah have travelled for miles into the desert to cheer me." Only two days before Sir Malcolm's record run, Ab Jenkins, Latter-day Saint driver from Salt Lake City, bettered the 24-hour record of John Cobb of London by averaging slightly more than 135 miles per hour.

**Liquor**—An average of almost £5 per person is spent in Great Britain on alcoholic drinks each year, statistics disclose. The average yearly beer consumption per person is approximately 16 gallons. (The adult consumption per person, of course, greatly exceeds these figures, as the average figure mentioned per person includes all children, total abstainers, etc.) However, consumption of intoxicating liquors has been on the decline in the past few years. In 1920 the drink bill for England and

Wales was estimated at £391,000,000 as compared with £224,845,000 in 1933. Here is what some leading Britons say concerning drink: George Bernard Shaw, author: "There must be something radically wrong with people who cannot do their work or keep up their spirits without doping themselves with stimulants. No self-respecting person should put up with sham happiness." The Rt. Hon. Viscount Snowden: "If you want to do something to lessen the burden on industry, do something to lessen the colossal and wasteful expenditure on drink." Jack Hobbs, ace cricketer: "The greatest enemy to success on the cricket field is drinking." J. C. Gibbs (international rugby player, 1925-7): "No matter how good a player may be, he is not so good if he habitually drinks beer."

**Journalism**—Liquor and ink do not mix in the life of Joseph Edward Atkinson, publisher of the *Toronto Star*, Canada's largest newspaper and one of the most powerful periodicals in the world. According to *Time* magazine, Publisher Atkinson "wields great political influence, shies from cameras and interviewers . . . neither drinks nor smokes, refuses to accept liquor advertising."

## FROM THE MISSION FIELD

**Doings in the Districts: London**—St. Albans branch Primary enjoyed an outing, Wednesday, August 28, at Harpenden common, participating in prize games and races, which were followed by refreshments.

**Liverpool**—Autumn series of branch conferences are proceeding in Liverpool district, following the opening session at Accrington branch, where the evening services were conducted by President Herbert Taylor, with Elder William F. Homer and District President Fred Bradbury as speakers, Sunday, September 1. Children furnished the Sunday School programme, conducted by Sister Jennie Taylor.

**Leeds**—Officers for 1935-36 season were announced at the annual M. I. A. conference of Leeds branch in the branch hall, Sunday, September 1. They include Mr. Edward Wigglesworth, Y. W. M. I. A. president, with Elder Ervin M. Skousen and Brother Gordon F. Kendall as first and second counsellors, respectively, and Sister Ivy Mence, Y. W. M. I. A. president, with Sisters Annie Wigglesworth and Florence Butterfield as first and second counsellors, respectively, and Miss Vera Carrington, secretary-treasurer. They were set apart by Elders Preston B. Hoopes

and Ervin M. Skousen, Branch President Samuel Mitchell and Brother John F. Cook. Brother Cook and Sister Mary Smith of Halifax gave talks, and Sister Ivy Mence conducted. There were 27 present.

**Nottingham**—Speakers at Sunday evening services at Leicester branch hall, September 1 were President Joseph F. Merrill and Sister Emily T. Merrill. President Merrill gave an inspirational talk on the divinity of the Gospel and Sister Merrill told of her conversion to the Church and of the work of the Relief Society. They also attended the testimony meeting in the afternoon. Also in attendance were Brother and Sister Abraham Noble of Salt Lake City. The services were conducted by Branch President George E. Gent.

### In the Scout News

IN August 17 issue of *The Scout*, founded by Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell and official organ of the Boy Scouts, there is an article entitled "Welcome Home, Chief!" It is written in the form of a greeting to Lord Baden-Powell, who recently returned to London from a world tour.

Illustrating the article are three pictures: one of Scouts meeting the Chief Scout at Southampton; one of youths at Salesian Missionary college in Derbyshire, and one of Elder J. Ridge Hicks, garbed in the Hopi Red Indian dress. The article mentions that Elder Hicks is giving a demonstration of the Hopi Snake dance during a lecture tour of Britain.

In collaboration with Elder Ralph W. Hardy, Elder Hicks has given the demonstration before several Boy Scout groups and schools and clubs (see *Star* July 25.)

**Bristol**—Officers of Bristol branch Y. W. M. I. A. enjoyed a delicious supper at the home of Sister Forristor, Tuesday, September 3, at which time plans for opening the Gleaner work were made.

Under the direction of Sister Muriel Beams, Bristol branch Primary conducted a social recently, entertaining children with games, community singing and refreshments.

## HIS PROMISE

O, BLESSED be the Father,  
 He guided me aright,  
 Gave to me the privilege  
 Of daylight over night,  
 Led me out of chaos  
 Into fields of peace,  
 Gave to me a wisdom  
 My knowledge to increase  
 Of His divine commandments  
 I hasten to obey,  
 And in His tender mercy  
 He has swept my sins away.

I asked to be directed  
 In the right and only way,  
 I heard a little whisper,  
 "You shall learn the way.  
 Give me your hand,  
 For in perfect faith  
 The scales from off your eyes  
 Shall fall if you but hasten  
 To repent and be baptized  
 By one who has the power  
 A great gift to bestow,  
 And in the word of wisdom  
 May you now and ever grow."

GRACE MEL MURRAY

## DEATH

ZAKI—Mrs. Winnifred Mary Egypt. Surviving her are her  
 Challis Zaki, former assistant for husband, Mahamid Zaki, professor  
 several years in the book store at at King's college, Cairo, three  
 European mission headquarters at children, and her father, William  
 Durham House, Liverpool, died of Challis of Liverpool.  
 typhoid fever August 26, at Cairo,

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